

# **RICHTER PARK AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES**

## **RICHTER PARK OFFICE**

**TUESDAY, March 20, 2012 , 2012, 6:30 PM**

*In compliance with Connecticut General Statute § 1-225, these minutes are being provided for informational purposes and are subject to approval of the Richter Park Authority Board of Directors at its next regular meeting.*

Chairman Bob Eberhard opened the meeting at 6:30 PM.

Members present: Leroy Diggs, Jean DaSilva, Len Cagianello, John Priola, Bob Eberhard, Chris Marano, George Radachowsky, Bill Totten and Al Mead.

Also present: Rob Dorsch, Grounds and Greens Superintendent, Karen Madaus, Business Manager, Scott Ward, Golf Director, Brian Gehan, Head Golf Professional/Outside Operations Manager.

### **Chairman's report**

- **Public participation**

Marilyn Juskiewicz, 5 Nabby Rd.. (2 Old Bridge Rd. New Fairfield) opposes tournament committee changes for tournaments and lost Tuesdays for the Ladies' Club.

Joann Mihal, 5 Nabby Rd, (10 Brookwood Rd., New Fairfield) misunderstanding about last event of last year, undeserved schedule changes in Ladies' Club schedule.

Kathy Boucher, 401 Sienna Drive, DHS girl's golf coach, happy with staff assistance at RPA.

Diane Busse, 5 Maple Drive, unhappy with loss of Tuesdays from Ladies' Club play.

- **Approve minutes of previous meeting**

Mr. Mead made a motion to accept the minutes of the February 21 meeting.  
Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Cagianello made a motion to accept the minutes of the February 28 special meeting.

AYES: Mead, Diggs, Cagianello, DaSilva, Totten, Radachowsky, Marano.  
ABSTENTION: Priola. Motion passed.

Mr. Mead made a motion to accept the minutes of the March 12 special meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

- **Comments/reports**

Roles have expanded. Brian Gehan has been named outside operations manager in addition to head golf professional. Karen Madaus has been named business manager. Scott Ward runs the golf shop and is in charge of marketing. All report to the executive committee.

- **Correspondence**

Thank you letter for leaf vacuum equipment from Tarrywile Authority.

A letter from Marilyn Juskiewicz, president of the Richter Park Ladies' Golf Club, regarding loss of Saturdays and restrictive policies of the RPA.

Mrs. Marano made a motion to move number III under New Business to discussion before the next item on the agenda. (See III under New Business).

### **Arts association report-**

The spring season has begun.

### **Musicals at Richter**

Auditioning for parts has begun. \$5,000 has been donated for a new sound system. Appreciation expressed for RPA contributions made to the family of Mackenzie Newsome.

### **FORe**

Annual meeting on Wednesday, May 9 at the Richter House. Tuesday, May 15 Fund Raising Breakfast.

### **Head Golf Professional/Operations Report**

Very good opening. New carts will arrive beginning April 1. Spring and summer camps have been arranged.

## **Director of Golf**

Golf shop is open. Marcia Dolan may help in the shop and give some lessons. “Customer Amazement” program was distributed.

## **Grounds and Greens**

Excellent conditions. Cart paths are being repaired. Septic system repair may begin next week. Narrow band frequency needs an upgrade.

## **Financial report**

Quick Books consultant has been contacted. Auditor’s report will be presented at the next meeting.

## **Business Manager’s report**

Mr. Totten made a motion to add discussion of PAR passes to the agenda.

Mr. Totten made a motion to cap PAR at 50. After discussion Mr. Mead moved to amend cap PAR to 60. The amended motion was voted upon. AYES: Mead, Diggs, Cagianello, Priola, Totten, Radachowsky, Marano. ABSTENTION: DaSilva. Motion passed.

## **Old business**

After several motions were ruled out of order, Mr. Mead made a motion to add the RPA lack of actions toward the Richter Park Ladies’ Golf Club to the agenda. AYES: Mead, Diggs, Priola, Totten, Radachowsky, Marano. ABSTENTIONS: Cagianello, DaSilva. Motion passed.

Mrs. Marano made a motion to address the letter sent to the mayor by the ladies club giving a negative impression of treatment by the RPA of the ladies club. AYES: Mead, Diggs, Cagianello, Priola, Totten, Radachowsky, Marano. ABSTENTION; DaSilva. Motion passed.

Discussion ensued.

Mr. Priola made a motion for a 5 minute recess. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting reconvened. Mr. Totten made a motion to approve three Saturday dates for the ladies' club with three tee times (12 golfers).

AYES: Mead, Diggs, Cagianello, Priola, Totten, Radachowsky, Marano.  
ABSTENTION: DaSilva. Motion passed.

### **New business**

#### I. Discussion on powers of Executive Committee and action if necessary

Mr. Cagianello made a motion that the executive committee follow the general guidelines set up for the general manager to handle issues that arise. Motion passed unanimously.

#### II. Discussion of "One tee time per hour, per day reserved for non-resident reservation

##### 1. Management of tee times

Mr. Radachowsky made a motion to set up one tee time per hour, per day, reserved for premium rate reservation to be made 14-10 days out. Motion passed unanimously.

#### III. Golf cart revenue sponsorship

Mr. Charles Ponger presented a program to raise revenue through advertising in golf carts.

Mr. Totten made a motion to move forward to find a sponsor for the program presented by Mr. Ponger. Mr. Priola made an amendment to the motion to insert "at a minimum of \$10,000". Motion as amended was passed unanimously.

### **Executive session**

none

Meeting adjourned at 8:50.

Jean T. DaSilva

Recording secretary